

# Rejoicing From the Hills

*"The little hills rejoice on every side."*

*-Psalm 65:12b-*

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## Sharing Corner

The Sharing Corner is a designated part of the coat rack and adjacent space at the bottom



of the stairway below the Choir Room. This is space where you may share your unwanted items with others. This may include clothing, unopened food items, or other miscellaneous things. When you bring things to place in the sharing corner, we ask that they be clean and ready to use or wear.

Everyone is invited to check out the corner from time to time and see if there are items you might like to use.

We reserve the right to dispose of items that remain untaken for a long time. Such things may be donated to other organizations, or otherwise distributed to those who can use them. 📖

## Free Literature

There is a wealth of free literature available in our church Narthex. Pastor Moss has written dozens of articles and booklets on a wide variety of Biblical topics and doctrines.

Each month we receive two

magazines that are also available for your edification. One is Foundation Magazine, published by the Fundamental Evangelistic Association located in Fresno, California. The articles provide sound teaching on a variety of subjects relevant to our Christian life today. The other is Acts and Facts, published by the Institute For Creation Research. This magazine will keep you informed about the subject of creation and evolution.

There are also two devotional booklets available: Feature and Days of Praise.

All of this material is free for you to use and to share with others.



## Recordings of our Services Available

All of our services are recorded on CD's and copies are available upon request. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you can order these copies. Donations of \$1.50 for each copy helps us cover the cost of making them. Please place donations in the offering plate. Copies are usually available within one week of the request and are available to be picked up in the church library.

Requests for recordings of our services may also be made by calling the church office at 717-757-1316. 📖

## Church Website

Check out our very own church website at [www.northhillsbiblechurch.org](http://www.northhillsbiblechurch.org). There is a wealth of information about our church, an update of church announcements and downloads of many of Pastor Moss' writings available on this site. 📖

## Thanksgiving Service Wednesday November 24 7:00 P.M.

Our annual Thanksgiving service will take place on Wednesday November 24 at 7:00 PM. We will sing songs of thanksgiving to God, and praise the Lord together for the blessings we have received throughout this past year. A thanksgiving message will be preached from God's Word. 📖



**A GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR YOU**

Have you asked Jesus Christ to save you? If not, will you accept Him as your Saviour now? The following will explain what you need to do.

1. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.** The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
2. **KNOW THAT GOD HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR YOUR SALVATION.** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16
3. **KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF.** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us." Titus 3:5a
4. **REPENT OF YOUR SIN.** "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." II Corinthians 7:10. "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3
5. **ASK JESUS CHRIST TO SAVE YOU.** "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be **SAVED.**" Romans 10:13. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be **SAVED.**" Acts 16:31
6. **CONFESS JESUS BEFORE MEN.** "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be **SAVED.** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

If you have any questions or would like further spiritual help, please contact us at the North Hills Bible Church. Our phone number is 757-1316.

# Library News

by Brenda Hamme, Librarian

Isaiah's response to hearing the voice of the Lord was, "Here am I, send me." After he uttered those words, the theme of this year's Missions Conference, God sent the prophet to his own people who rejected the message he faithfully proclaimed. Isaiah was not the first, nor the last, to face trying times as he communicated God's words.

The library houses a number of books, videos, and DVD's which recount the challenges and blessings experienced by men, women, teens, and children who have chosen through the years to serve the Lord in their homelands and in foreign countries. Expand your horizons by learning how God used the lives (and sometime the deaths) of these faithful servants to reach people for Christ.

Some new items in the library include:

### ***Tortured for Christ*** (Book)

Richard Wurmbrand, a Romanian pastor who spent 14 years in Communist prisons for his fervent belief in Jesus Christ and public witness concerning his faith, recounts the history of the Underground Church and the story of faithful souls who persisted in their Christian witness knowing full well the cost of their actions.

### ***China Cry*** (DVD)

In this amazing true story about Nora Lam, who found the courage to live and the strength to love against all odds, see how the Christian church in China survived, thrived, and multiplied under repressive atheistic Communism.

### ***John Wesley: The World His Parish*** (Book)

Passionate and tireless, this English clergyman rode a quarter million miles on horseback during his lifetime and preached more than forty thousand sermons to offer the hope of Christ to the millions of people outside the influence of the church of his day.

**Reminder** - Ten of Keven Brownfield's messages from the week the teens were at The Wilds this summer are available in a CD album.

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Soul winning at home and abroad  
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# Loving His Appearing

Chapter Fifteen

## He Is Bringing Something With Him

1 Peter 1:13

### Introduction

When we go on trips to special places, we sometimes bring back souvenirs for our family and friends. For example, when my wife and I have gone on missions trips, we have enjoyed bringing back with us something from each country we visited and giving them to our children and grandchildren.

When Jesus comes to get us in the rapture, the event will be special, not only because we will meet Him in the air, but also because He will be bringing something with Him for us. 1 Peter 1:13 says, *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* Our Lord will bring grace unto us at His revelation to us in the rapture. What is this grace that is to be brought unto us? And, what does that mean to us now?

### **What Is The Grace That Is To Be Brought Unto Us?**

As we await the rapture, we are being kept by the power of God unto the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:5). The salvation to which this verse refers is the redemption of the body (Romans 8:23; Ephesians 1:14). This deliverance from "the body of this death", as Paul calls it in Romans 7:24, is the transformation of the body from corruption to incorruption and from mortality to immortality. This is to take place at the rapture. We are already having been saved, as expressed by the perfect tense verb in Ephesians 2:8, meaning that in the moment we trusted Christ as our Savior and called on the name of the Lord to be saved, our spirit within us was born again, we were made a new creature in Christ in the inner man, and we continue securely to the present in that newness in Christ. The rapture/resurrection event for the church adds to that only the transformation of the body. That transformation is ready to be revealed because

according to 1 Peter 1:4, it is being reserved in heaven for us as an incorruptible inheritance.

Romans chapter eight addresses the same thing when it describes *the glory which shall be revealed in us* at the time of the rapture (verse 18). At the manifestation of the sons of God (verse 19) we will experience the redemption of our bodies (verse 23). In this moment of rapture, Christ will reveal a glory in us. This is what the Scriptures call glorification. Our bodies will be made sinlessly immortal and without corruption so that we may carry in them the very glory of God.

1 Peter 5:4 explains that *when the chief Shepherd shall appear, [we] shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.* Verse 10 of that chapter clarifies that the God of all grace has called us unto HIS ETERNAL GLORY by Christ Jesus. Right now we may have to suffer a while, but that will serve to perfect, establish, strengthen and settle us against the day of rapture.

And so, as we wait for Christ's coming (1 Corinthians 1:7-8, He does His work in us to confirm us unto the end so that we may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, God is the one who keeps us saved until the rapture happens. Even as a saved person, we continue to live on earth in bodies that are contaminated with the sin nature. There is therefore no strength in ourselves to keep us in Christ. Left to ourselves, we would only add to our corruption and be hopelessly lost. It is God that keeps us by His power unto the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. All we need do is rest in that through faith (1 Peter 1:5). By that keeping power, Christ confirms us in our salvation throughout life on earth, assuring our hearts that the incorruptible inheritance is actually reserved for us in heaven and will be revealed in us at the time of the rapture.

### **In Light of the Above What Ought That Mean to Us Now?**

1 Peter 1:13 tells us to gird up the loins of our minds. This means that we should tie up our thoughts and not let them wander unrestricted. The people of Bible times typically wore loose flowing robes. To work, run, or do anything active, they gathered up the loose flowing part of the garment and tied it close to their bodies with a girdle or belt. The loose flowing part of their garments being thus restricted would not hinder their activity. So God instructs us to put some restrictions on our minds.

In Ephesians 6:14 He says our loins should be girt about with truth. In other words, truth is the belt that we should use to keep our thoughts from wandering unrestricted. It is not necessary to allow all available information into our thoughts. Just like there are some things we do not eat because they are poisonous to our bodies, so there are some things that are better not to be thought about lest they poison our minds.

1 Peter 1:13 adds that we should be sober in our minds. To be sober is to be serious and dispassionate. A sober minded person is one who follows sound reasoning and is not under the control of some indiscriminate passion. We typically use the idea of sobriety to describe a person who is not under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol will slur a man's speech, slow his muscle reactions, and make a person less guarded in what he says or does. The passions of the flesh can have the same effect on our minds. When influenced by some visceral passion, our thoughts toward the truth can be slurred, our spiritual reactions can be slowed, and what we do or say can be much less guarded, making it much easier to sin and to be offensive toward both men and God.

Rather, in the sobriety of mind we must maintain our hope to the end (1 Peter 1:13). We must be persistently faithful from the present moment unto the moment when Jesus Christ is revealed to us in the rapture. We must not fashion ourselves according to the former lusts of our ignorance (1 Peter 1:14). To fashion means to conform as in Romans 12:2 – *be not conformed to this world*. It means to make one thing into the shape of another, as in a mold. The time past, that is, the time we spent as an unsaved person, should suffice us to have lived in those lusts of the flesh (1 Peter 4:3). Now as a saved person, we must be holy, as He is holy, who has called us unto Himself (1 Peter 1:15-16). Rather than be fashioned according to the lusts of the flesh, we must now be fashioned according to the holiness of God.

Why do I have to be fashioned by any mold? Why can't I just be myself? Today's contemporary church suggests that being yourself is actually a good thing. One church advertisement expressed it this way,

We are so excited about what God is doing for us and for our church. Many of us were looking for something more out of life when we found this church. We have the friendliest people and a relaxed come as you are atmosphere.

What they mean is, don't come as you are in the spirit of the great hymn, "Just as I am without one plea," but come as you are with the intent that God will be so happy to let you stay that way. A Lutheran pastor even went so far as to suggest in her sermon that Mary encouraged Jesus just to be Himself as she pushed Him out the door to get Him started in His ministry. In part she said in the sermon,

Identity – being yourself – is what today's lesson from Matthew is about. It is about the part of Jesus' life when he was beginning to understand and accept for himself, WHO he was and HOW that would impact the ministry that he was just beginning. Some years ago there was a t.v. miniseries on CBS called simply, "Jesus." It was somewhat based on the scriptures, but there were scenes that we do not have from the Bible's telling. Some early scenes showed Mary and Joseph and Jesus in family moments. Then, when Joseph dies, Mary comes to the grown Jesus and tells him it is time to move out (and on!) She suggests he might get in touch with his cousin, John the Baptist, who is preaching and baptizing in the wilderness. Thus, she encourages Jesus to begin his ministry, with what I am sure is some of the same emotion that our parents of high school seniors are feeling right now as their children ready themselves to fly off to college. Mary sends Jesus out with love, and most probably a "just be yourself, dear" well-wish.

Jesus did not need encouragement from Mary to leave the house, start His ministry, or be Himself. Of course, for Him to be Himself is exactly what He will always do because He is God – and that is a good thing!. However, the suggestion of the above sermon is that all of us should strive to just be ourselves, but for us, the way we are is the problem. In ourselves we are unstable like water. Water takes the shape of the container in which it is placed regardless of the shape of that container. And if it is not placed into a container, it just runs everywhere, seeking the lowest possible place it can find. If God is pleased to let us remain as we are, then He would be pleased with compromise and corruption. Nothing could be further from the truth.


Believers should pour themselves into the holiness of God. We should be persistently faithful in resisting the ways of the world and the interests of the flesh and actively submit to the work of God within

us by which He intends to fashion us after the image of Christ. And we should do all of this in light of the grace that is to be brought unto us at the revelation of Jesus Christ at the rapture of the church. This is the grace of glorification.

### Conclusion

Some day the rapture will happen and all of us who are in the body of Christ will be glorified. In light of that, we ought to live now like a person designated for glorification.

Being your depraved self is the last thing you want to be as a member of Christ's body. In my depraved self I am nothing. As Paul expressed it in 2 Corinthians 12:11, *I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.* He says it is foolish to boast about anything we accomplish as the servants of Christ because I myself am nothing. In fact, the moment I begin to think that I am something I begin to deceive myself (Galatians 6:3).

Rather, we ought to willingly submit to a complete transformation of ourselves into a perfect man which is measured by conformity to the stature of the fulness of Christ. Let us not be ourselves in Christ. Let us be like Him because He is all in all (1 Corinthians 15:28; Ephesians 1:23). After all, when we see Him in the rapture, we are destined to be like Him by the grace gift of glorification. In light of that, we ought to strive to be like Him as much as possible now to honor the one who has promised to bring us such marvelous grace when He comes to receive us unto Himself. 

## Loving His Appearing

Chapter Sixteen

### He Does Something For Us

1 Corinthians 1:8

#### Introduction

When Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal, he made fun of Baal because Baal was not responding to his priests. Elijah suggested things like maybe Baal

was talking or traveling or sleeping, and was therefore not available to help. Baal never did respond, of course, because Baal was just a stone object.

But when Elijah called on the LORD, there was an immediate response. Fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice on the altar that had been saturated in water.

Our God is an active God. He never slumbers and He never sleeps (Psalm 121). He is always very much involved in our lives. In fact, according to Philippians 1:6, God begins a work in us at the moment of our salvation and He continues that work until the day of Jesus Christ when He raptures us into glorification.

In the last chapter, we mentioned the matter of God confirming us unto the end as we wait for Christ's coming so that we may be blameless in that day of our Savior. In this chapter, we will zoom in on this confirming work of God within us.

#### **The Testimony of Christ Was Confirmed In You**

According to 1 Corinthians 1:6, the testimony of Christ was confirmed in us in the moment of our new birth. We know this happened in a single moment of time because that is the implication of the tense of the verb "was confirmed." In the Greek language it is called the Aorist Tense and it indicates that something happened in a point of time in contrast to the idea of something happening progressively. The testimony of Christ that was confirmed in us is the Gospel record of His death, burial, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances, affirming the completion of the propitiatory work of redemption and the efficacy of His shed blood as it is applied to our lives by grace through faith resulting in our regeneration and inclusion in the body of Christ. So we are told 1 Corinthians 1:4 that Christ gave us the grace of God and by that enriched us in all utterance and in all knowledge so that each local church filled with believers comes behind in no gift. Thus, everything we can get from Christ in this life, we received in a single point of time when He confirmed His testimony in us. We therefore have all the resources necessary to live effective holy lives of service unto our Savior while we live on earth.

#### **He Shall Confirm US Unto the End**

While we are waiting for Christ's coming, He will confirm us unto the end, and He will make us to be

blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:7-8). His coming, the end, and His day all refer to the same thing. Thus the end unto which He will confirm us is the event of the rapture.

Note that in verse six, the testimony of Christ was confirmed (aorist tense) at some point of time in the past when we were born again. But now in verse 8, He shall confirm "you." This is a future, active, indicative verb, indicating a continuing action into the future. He shall be confirming you unto the end. The ending point of this ongoing confirming work is the day of Christ, that is, His revelation and arrival in the air at the time of the rapture. Philippians 1:6 perfectly agrees with this when it says that He hath begun a good work in you and He will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. The word "begun" is an aorist tense verb meaning the work was started in a single moment of time and the verb "will perform" is in the future tense meaning it will be a continual work until the day of Christ, the rapture. He began the work in the moment that the testimony of Christ was confirmed in us. He will continually perform the work of confirming us all the way to the end, to the day of Christ.

Colossians 2:6-7 tells us something about this confirming work that Christ is continually performing in us. It says, *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord* – aorist tense, the point in time action of receiving, referring to the time at which the testimony of Christ was confirmed in us – *so walk ye in him:* – present tense, continuing current action. This is followed by three verbs that are in the perfect tense. The perfect tense refers to something that happened in a point of time in the past which results in lasting effects into the present. Since we have received Christ, we are to walk in Him because by receiving Christ we are currently blessed with the effects of having been rooted, built up in Him, and established in the faith. We have been and thus are rooted in Him, that is, rendered firm, fixed, strengthened, and firmly grounded on the foundation of Jesus Christ. We have been and thus are built up in Him, that is, having some structure to our Christian life erected upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. And, we have been and thus are established in the faith, that is, the structure of our lives which has been built up from the foundation of Jesus Christ has been given stability.

Thus the work of confirming us is the fortifying of our Christian lives so that they are immovable structures built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ. The foundation was confirmed in a moment of time. That action was completed in the moment of our new

birth. Our salvation is absolute. It is as unmoveable as the Person of Jesus Christ Himself because He is the foundation upon which our eternal life has been confirmed. Hebrews 6:19 says the hope that God has given us is an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast. In addition, the structure of our Christian life has already been established since we have not only been rooted in Christ but also built up in Him and established in the faith. But Colossians 2:8 warns us to beware, lest any man spoil us.

Though the foundation of Jesus Christ cannot be affected, the structure of our lives built up from the foundation can be spoiled (Colossians 2:8). Our Christian lives can be spoiled by philosophy. Philosophy is the love of wisdom, which in the ways of the world consists of speculative enquiries into the arts and sciences, with the operative word being "speculative," – not based on facts or truth, but in the ever increasing knowledge of the depraved man that leads him no where (2 Timothy 3:7). An example of this kind of philosophy would be modern psychology, in which man arrives at all kinds of erroneous conclusions by studying human behavior without considering Biblical truth. Our Christian lives can also be spoiled by vain deceit. Vain deceit consists of empty meaningless things that captivate our minds and separate them from the truth. An example of this would be much of what the entertainment industry offers through music, movies and television.

Hebrews 13:9 explains how God will confirm us against these spoiling rudiments of the world. It says, *Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.* Our Christian lives will be confirmed, stabilized, and made strong, affirming the validity of our faith by an emphasis on the nurturing of the inner man as opposed to the fulfilling of the interests of the outer man. Thus it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace as opposed to being influenced by a fascination with ritual sacrifices and exercises in externalism (that is, meats associated with diverse, strange, and unprofitable doctrines). We must let the grace of God work in us to teach us how to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and how to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world while we are *looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ* (Titus 2:11-13).

## Conclusion

This is not difficult. Christ does the confirming (1 Corinthians 1:8). He does the work (Philippians 1:6). All we have to do is cooperate. Let Him have His way with you! Present your bodies unto Him as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). Yield yourselves unto God (Romans 6:13). He is an active God. As long as we do not quench His work by our foolish focus on the outer man (1 Thessalonians 5:19), He will fortify the structure of our Christian lives so that when He comes we will be blameless in his sight (1 Corinthians 1:8). 📖

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## His Way With Thee

by Cyrus Silvester Nusbaum  
1861 - 1937

Would you live for Jesus,  
and be always pure and good?  
Would you walk with Him  
within the narrow road?  
Would you have Him bear your burden,  
carry all your load?  
Let Him have His way with thee.

Would you have Him make you free,  
and follow at His call?  
Would you know the peace  
that comes by giving all?  
Would you have Him save you,  
so that you can never fall?  
Let Him have His way with thee.

Would you in His kingdom find a place  
of constant rest?  
Would you prove Him true  
in providential test?  
Would you in His service  
labor always at your best?  
Let Him have His way with thee.

*His power can make you  
what you ought to be;  
His blood can cleanse your heart  
and make you free;  
His love can fill your soul,  
and you will see  
'Twas best for Him to have His way with thee.*

Cyrus Silvester Nusbaum began his ministry in the southwest at a Methodist Church in 1886. He went on to become one of the most outstanding evangelists

of his time. However, this hymn was born during a time of deep discouragement, following Mr. Nusbaum's first year of ministry. He gives the following account:

"I had spent my first year in pastoral work. Having been appointed to serve as a pastor in one of the poorest circuits in our district, I had struggled hard during the year to take care of the seven preaching places and congregations. It had been a most difficult task, strenuous and discouraging, and the income pitifully small. At the end of the conference year, my wife and I gathered our few necessary belongings, and, with the assistance of one of our members, we arrived at the railroad station in order to take the train to the place where the conference was to meet that year.

Naturally, we had prayed and hoped that, at the conference, I might be appointed to a better charge, but when the Bishop read the appointments the last night of the conference, I was named as pastor of the same old circuit. I was with heavy hearts that we repaired to our lodging place that night. Mrs. Nusbaum sensibly retired early, but I remained in the little parlor with no one to disturb me.

I was very unhappy and a spirit of rebellion seemed to possess me. About midnight, I finally knelt in prayer beside my chair. After some struggle, a deep peace came stealing into my heart. I told the Lord that I would be willing to let Him have His way with me regardless of the cost. With that feeling, of surrender to the will of God, came the inspiration for the new song, now so well-known throughout Christendom."

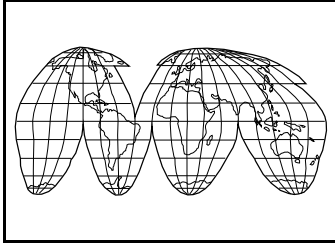
Cyrus Silvester Nusbaum was born July 27, 1861 in Middlebury, Indiana. In 1885, he began teaching school in Marion County, Kansas. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1886. He wrote "His Way With Thee" in 1887. Over the years he served as a pastor to several churches, as the educational secretary at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, as the presiding elder of the Independent District, and as an evangelist. During World War I, he served as an American Red Cross inspector in France, holding the rank of U.S. Army captain. He died December 27, 1937 in Wichita, Kansas.

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# Missionary News



*From  
Around  
The World  
and  
Here at Home*

## Don & Karen Kilmer

**South Africa**

We are getting settled back into our ministry in South Africa after our furlough. It is great to see so many friends as well as to see some new folks coming to church.

On Sunday, two young men I have discipled in the past, but who have not been coming to church, talked to me to say that their lives are not going well. Please pray for them to follow the Lord as they should.

**If the fruit of our labors will remain** then the work must be of God. We need strength to walk in the Holy Spirit and not in the flesh. In John 15:5 Jesus said, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches; He that abideth in me, and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." We need determination to abide in Christ rather than follow our own desires.

Thank you for your fellowship in the gospel and for standing with us in reaching others with the Truth.

## Roger & Nola Perrott

**Hong Kong**

In the next few weeks, our church will buy a sliding door to separate our main church room into two rooms for Sunday School. We will also buy a

plastic three-foot pool so we can do our own baptisms. We have several who need to be baptized. Our Bible Institute is open and Roger is teaching three hours every Tuesday night on the doctrine of the Spirit.

**Our church group has grown** to 25-30 almost every Sunday so we are starting to realize a definite need for a bigger place to meet, but there is very little available in the village. Pray concerning this over the next year.

Two ladies in our church have unsaved husbands whom we are getting to know better. One is a Buddhist and the other has nominal religion. Sometimes they attend church but recently they have gone hiking and missed church. Pray that they will come to church and understand the gospel and get saved.

One of the things the Lord has given me a burden about is possibly seeing the fundamental churches of Hong Kong work together more. Pray that we may see this happen. We appreciate all of you who pray for us.

## Joy Baker

All the travel from Germany to Dallas to Pennsylvania transpired as planned. Wonderful Christian friends retrieved the container with my household goods from the port of Baltimore. How blessed I am to receive the bountiful kindnesses of the body of Christ on both sides of the Atlantic. Thank you all so much!

**I thank the Lord for answer to prayer** as well as His provision regarding lodging for this interim period. My home church has allowed me to stay in the church guest room. As yet I have no pull whatsoever toward any specific place. I am checking out properties. I believe He has a specific location where He wants me. Will you please pray for me for that to be revealed?

A brother in the church here is a car dealer and is searching for a suitable vehicle for me. God knows exactly what I need. Meanwhile a couple in the church have loaned me their vehicle. **See how God is taking care of me?**



Thank you so much for standing with me over the years and through this transitional period. God is gently carrying me as the Shepherd carries the little lamb nestled on His shoulder.

## Marc & Judie Blackwell

### South Africa

We are really **thankful for our ministry** in Biblical-Pastoral counseling and discipleship.

1. Meeting with five different atheists - one couple and three men.
2. Discipling and counseling a young man recently saved.
3. Working with a pastor trainee and his wife as they counsel a young Christian.
4. Meeting with an unsaved young man and his parents.
5. Helping three couples who see themselves as potential divorce cases.

Other **primary prayer requests** are for our church planting projects: Swartland Baptist, Paarl Valley Baptist and our Church Planting Team. Pray that we will see souls saved and lives truly changed. Tradition and culture, or the extended family together with entertainment and vacation centered lifestyles; make developing character, responsibility, faithfulness and a Christian work ethic difficult to develop in many of the families. Pray for spiritual growth.

### We praise the Lord for:

- a young man who accepted the Lord and is growing well spiritually.
- nine that have been baptized at Swartland Baptist and seven baptized at Paarl Baptist.
- Paardeberg Mt. Retreat had more than 250 children in "Winter Camps" and seventeen came to know the Lord as their Savior. Pray for their discipleship.
- more than 80 attended the "Herald of Hope" end-times seminar.
- The Church Ministries Institute and its students seem excited about this semester's studies in Romans, angelology, and missiology.

- And we praise the Lord for you, our supporting churches, doing your best to keep our support steady amidst this terrible economic downturn.

## Child Evangelism Fellowship

### York County

"I see spirits." Does that sound strange to you? A nine-year-old girl was led to the Lord at our Good News Day Camp. She and her family were dabbling with a ouija board, and she and her little sister were experiencing the consequences - demonic oppression. If she were the only child that received the Lord this summer it would have been worth it.

Laura Cook, Julia Lenington Lauren Stahl, and Emily Sutter made a difference this summer. They taught 31 Five-Day Clubs with 396 children enrolled, and 58 children received the Lord.

At our first Good News Day Camp there were 106 children enrolled and 13 children trusted Christ as their Savior. At the second Day Camp there were 84 children enrolled and 12 children prayed to receive the Lord.

**"It is not the will of your Father...that one of these little ones should perish."** Matthew 18:14

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We are so grateful for our church young people being involved in ministry this summer with Servant's Heart Camp and Child Evangelism Fellowship. It was also a blessing to see several involved in helping to spread the gospel at the York County Fair in September. May we be blessed to see this type of ministry heart in our youth continue.

Pictures of our church activities are on our website.

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# *Missions Conference*

2010

The theme for this year was "Here am I, send me" taken from Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me." The decorations were suitcases and Wordless Books - illustrating the idea of being packed and ready to go with the gospel.

**Church Picnic** - We started off the conference on Saturday with a church picnic where all our missionaries for the conference were introduced. Mike Brunk gave a devotional to the adults. Mike and Marie Brunk are serving the Lord in South Africa. Pedro and Charo Torres gave the devotional to the children. The Torres are serving the Lord in Spain. Dean Baker, who is serving among the Navajo Indians in Arizona was also introduced. The variety and abundance of food was exceptional as always. After the meal and devotions there were games for all ages to enjoy.

### **Sunday and Weekday Evening Services** -

All the missionaries took turns with presenting the Word and giving reports about their ministry.

We learned from Dean Baker of the many gangs among the Indian tribes, and how important it is to reach the children for Christ before they get into high school and are pressured to join a gang.

Pedro Torres had a similar burden to report that the teens and young adults in Spain are involved in many ungodly ways and desperately need to hear the gospel.

Mike Brunk shared how it really is easy to get a South African to "accept Christ as Savior" without leaving their past life of ancestor worship. This presents the missionary with the challenge to make sure those to whom they are witnessing understand that Jesus is the only way.

**Ladies Luncheon** - On Monday the ladies enjoyed being served lunch and then hearing testimonies from the lady missionaries, Charo Torres and Marie Brunk. The children were entertained by the missionary men while the ladies had their session. Mr. Brunk showed the children

how to play some games South African style. One game involved making a ball from plastic bags and using it for their game of dodge ball.

**Morning Sessions** - The morning sessions are informal and very informative. Many homeschooling families attended as well as those who are retired.

Monday morning, the Brunks showed how the South African children make their own toy cars out of wire and gallon milk jugs. Those who were in attendance then tried their hand at making a toy car too.

Tuesday, Dean Baker showed slides of their children's work among the Navajo Indians. He also shared some native American food for us to sample with hominy, beans and ham.

Wednesday, the Torres showed pictures and explained about the different regions in Spain, and how difficult it is to share the gospel to many who are resistant even to receive a tract. We also got a taste of Spanish style egg omlet and olives.

**Junior Missionary Conference** - During the adult sessions the children in grades 1 - 6 had a missions conference geared to them. The missionaries at the conference took turns speaking to the children.

On Sunday morning, the children's classes were combined as Marie Brunk taught their class. Sunday evening Mrs. Brunk taught the children the story in the Bible about Elijah and his contest with the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and encouraged the children to take a stand for the Lord even if it means standing alone.

Monday evening Damaris Torres told the children a story about a boy named "Bad Weather" who came to know Jesus as his Savior. The boy's commitment to Christ convicted the father's heart, and he also came to accept Christ as his Savior from sin. This story showed the children that even as a child God can use them to bring others to Himself through their testimony and godly living.

Dean Baker showed the children a little magic trick on Tuesday night that illustrated how there is always more for us to learn from the Bible, so we should be diligent to be always in the Word of God.

Wednesday evening the children had a missionary story and did crafts in relation to the conference theme.



## Preschoolers

*taught by Mrs. Moss*

Upon completing the series on Jesus, these children were able to say the "Seven I Am's of Jesus" taken from the book of John: Matthew Kanost, Hannah Ortiz, Noah Stern, Austin Stern, Hannah Wertz, Rebecca Wertz, and David Wertz.

We had several children graduate from the Preschool Class into the Primaries. We will miss Emma Kay, Matthew, Ryan, and Noah; but we are sure they will be a nice addition to the Smith's class.

Now we are in the Old Testament being introduced to Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel and David. Many of these men were shepherds and we are learning that the Lord is my Shepherd from Psalm 23.

## Primaries

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Smith*

The main theme of our lessons over the past months has been trust and obey. Time and time again Moses looked to God to direct him as he had to take the Israelites through the wilderness and ultimately up to the promised land. It was so important for him to trust God fully and obey Him completely. We have been able to see Moses example of living for God.

Moses had to deal with many disappointments as the people grumbled and complained. Moses did not always do the right thing and there were consequences because of his failure. Time and time again we were able to see God's love, mercy and grace as Moses was striving to live for God and as Moses put his trust in God and obeyed.

We have been stressing to the children to live daily, in our world, as a testimony and a light for Jesus. In order to do that we need to fully be trusting

God and obedient to His Word.

Our class had been working on some verses from James, for a lengthy period of time. The following children were able to recite these verses: James 1:2-6 Carleigh Moss, Jasmine Moss and Charles Balcom.

## Juniors

*taught by Mr. and Mrs. Cook*

Well, it's the beginning of a new school year, which means a new series of lessons for our class and a new student, Carleigh Moss. This year we are excited to be doing our lessons on the earthly ministry of Christ. We have a map of Israel on our classroom wall, on which we will plot the different events and where they happened. All of our scripture memory will be from one of the gospels, starting with the Christmas story from Luke 2. Our first lessons dealt with the prophecies concerning Christ's coming and the events of His birth. May we never lose our wonder of Christ stepping into time, living on earth among us, so He could be our Savior!

## Master Clubs

Director - Nathaniel Wertz

It is amazing to see how God works. This summer we studied about men and women of faith in the Old Testament. We have learned that if we trust Him and His Word, He will bless us and guide us. The last month has had interesting challenges, but relying on God has brought us through.

We will miss the service of Mr. and Mrs. Krape as they have been with the program since the beginning. With them stepping down from teaching, we all have had to make adjustments. Mrs. Boyer has moved up to the Ambassador class and has Mr. Dalton Cook to help her. Mr. Nate Moss has taken over for Mrs. Boyer in the Primary class with Mrs. Morrow and Miss Tanisha Smith as helpers. Miss Hamme is teaching the beginner class with Miss Ilene Shoff as her helper. We thank the Lord for the leadership He has given us.

Please pray for the leaders, helpers and clubbers as we adjust to the many changes. The Lord is working and we want to be molded into His image.



## Quizzing

by Quiz Coach, Mrs. Moss

We are excited to have some new teens participating in Bible quizzing this year. They are Michael Knokey, Sarah Fetrow, and Henry Balcom. And of course we are just as excited for those who have quizzed before and are joining us for another year. Philippians and III John will be our books of study together. We started right off at the beginning of September and have already seen how God wants to strengthen us each day to do His will. We are so weak in ourselves, but through Christ we can do all things. Philippians 4:13 is our key verse for the year and we really do want to learn to rely on God to help us do all things, instead of failing because of trying to do things in our own strength.

Each practice is started with a time of prayer for each other with requests the teens themselves have submitted. After that we read two chapters of our study for the year. Following our reading we focus on five new verses for that week. We ask and answer as many questions as we can think of for each verse, and the teens try to come with those five verses memorized by the next week. After studying the five new verses we then go back and review all the previous verses in question / answer format. As a question is asked the teens stand up, "jump", to answer. The first to jump gets to try to answer the question. After a teen is the first to jump and answer three questions correctly, his seat is "frozen" and he can no longer jump. This gives others opportunity to answer. If the answer is incorrect, the question then goes to the person on the other team sitting in the same seat number. The teens really love this competition, and it encourages them to study the material each week so that they will be able to give correct answers - all the while, hiding God's Word in their hearts.

## HOMESCHOOL NEWS

Led by Dawn Balcom

During the school year, homeschoolers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday for classes and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday for field trips. This year the homeschoolers in grades kindergarten to sixth grade will have classes which have a theme of "Becoming a new nation". This will prepare the students for a spring field trip to Valley Forge.

Students in seventh to twelfth grade will be interviewing several people in our church family. These student reporters will then create a "newspaper" telling how God has used each in very different ways. In addition, basic plumbing, electricity and sewing will be taught by skilled people from the church.

We ask for your prayers as a new school year starts, that God will sustain and guide students and parents as decisions and challenges are met.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

|    |                            |         |
|----|----------------------------|---------|
| 7  | - Senior Outing to Strines | 9:00 AM |
| 14 | - Homeschool classes       | 9-12 AM |
| 17 | - Manor Care Service       | 1:30 PM |
| 18 | - Rescue Mission Service   | 8:00 PM |
| 19 | - Trustees Meeting         | 6:30 PM |
| 20 | - TAP Ministry             | 8:00 AM |
| 28 | - Homeschool Field trip    |         |

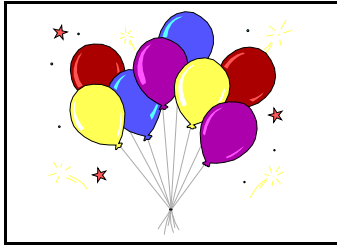
### NOVEMBER

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|----|--------------------------|---------|
| 4  | - Senior Outing          |         |
| 7  | - Pleasant Acres Service | 1:45 PM |
| 11 | - Homeschool classes     | 9-12 AM |
| 15 | - Rescue Mission Service | 8:00 PM |
| 16 | - Trustees Meeting       | 6:30 PM |
| 17 | - TAP Ministry           | 8:00 AM |
| 24 | - Thanksgiving Service   | 7:00 PM |
| 25 | - HAPPY THANKSGIVING     |         |

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# Church Family News



## Happy Birthday

### October

- 1 - Bob McKinley
- 4 - Betty Chronister
- 6 - Gloria Hevner
- 8 - Katrina Chronister
- 12 - Charity Ezzell
- 14 - Wayne Laning
- 15 - Marietta Wertz
- 17 - **James Perrott**
- 17 - Laura Cook
- 17 - Dawn Balcom
- 18 - Sue Kornbau
- 21 - Nathanael Moss
- 21 - **Cheryl Hilt**
- 23 - Jeanette Scotten
- 26 - Mary Collins
- 26 - Deborah King
- 26 - Henry Balcom (father)

### November

- 2 - Carolyn Zimmerman
- 3 - Sue Bryant
- 5 - **Peter Colon**
- 5 - **Daniel Colon**
- 5 - Logan Jones
- 5 - **Emma Turner**
- 5 - Elmira Wise



- 8 - Carol McKinley
- 11 - Norm Breneman
- 11 - Marley Gross
- 11 - Pedro Ortiz
- 12 - **Marc Blackwell**
- 13 - Rachelle Krape
- 15 - **Leonard Smith**
- 16 - Carleigh Moss
- 16 - **Abigail Perrott**
- 18 - Tyler Knuth
- 19 - Florence Tome
- 23 - **Judi Blackwell**
- 24 - **Karen Kilmer**
- 24 - Harriet Moyer
- 25 - Rebecca Wertz
- 27 - **Janis Colon**



## Happy Anniversary

### October

- 3 - John & Amy Kanost
- 12 - Henry & Dawn Balcom

### November

- 9 - Todd & Betty Chronister
- 10 - Ed & Marian Cosgrove
- 22 - Lester & Joan Fink

### Please Note!

The purpose of printing these lists is to give the church family an opportunity to congratulate one another on these special days. The **bold print** indicates a member of our missionary family.



Congratulations to Ervin and Sue Kornbau on the birth of a grandson, Josiah David, born to their daughter Beth on September 28. He was 7 pounds 10 ounces and 20 ½ inches long.

## Remember Our Shut-ins



Lorraine Beath, Jean Beck, Bessie Boyer, Harold and Jeanie Geesey, Pam Grove, Gloria Hevner, Frances Howard, Ethel Leib, Dorothy Moore, Harriet Moyer, Ivy Pyle, Treva Shellenberger, Sara Sipe, Marian Tawney, Hilda Wallace, Elmira Wise.



**OUR TEENS HELPING SPREAD THE GOSPEL AT THE YORK COUNTY FAIR**



Tanisha painting a face with the pattern the little girl has chosen.



Laura explaining the Wordless Book while the child gets a face painting, and then receiving one of the Wordless Book Bracelets the ladies in our church made for this purpose.



Carlton using his artistic skills to paint a face while a little boy hears the Wordless Book story.

# Missions Conference Decorations Completed and in Place



Bulletin Boards



The banner with our theme, and scrolls with the theme verse.

Notice the suitcases around the giant Wordless Book.  
“Here am I, send me.” I’m packed and ready to go with the gospel.





# CHURCH PICNIC



Great cooks and ...



great food.



Adults play their games sitting in the shade.



Kids devotional.



Preschoolers fun tunnel.



Elementary aged games.



Teens challenging game.

# MISSIONS CONFERENCE MORNING SESSIONS



Monday morning we learned about South Africa from the Brunks and tried to make toy cars African style out of wire and milk jugs.



Tuesday morning Dean Baker told us about the Navajo Indians and we tried a Native American dish of hominy with beans and ham.



Wednesday morning we learned about Spain from the Torres and had an egg, potato and onion omelette Spanish style with an olive, of course, to be truly Spanish.